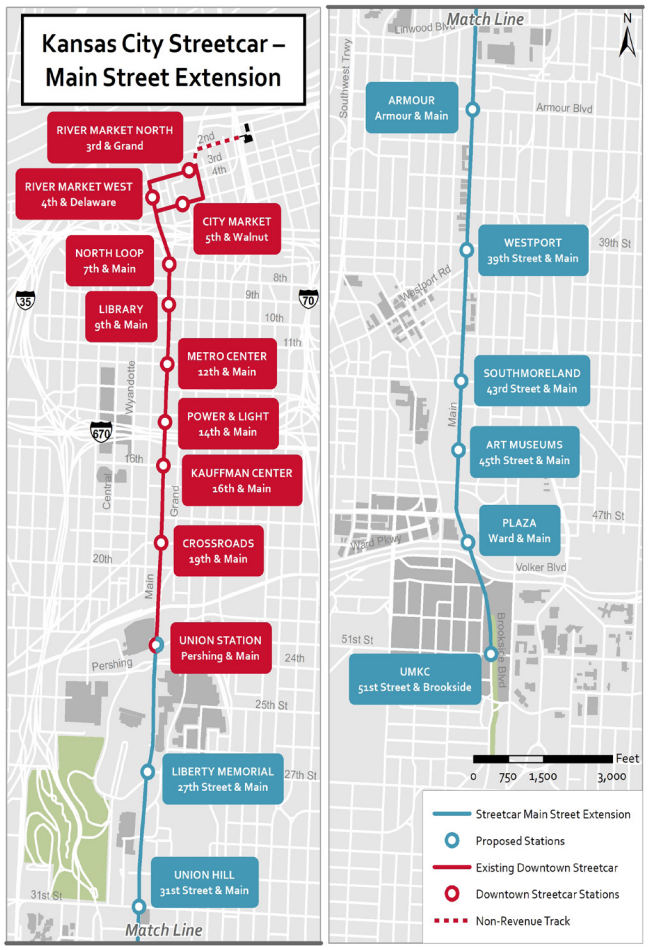
KC Streetcar Main Street Extension

The KC Streetcar Main Street Extension will build upon the downtown streetcar service and further develop and advance a southward extension serving Midtown, Westport, the Art Museum District, the Plaza, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). The Main Street Extension, together with the Downtown starter line and future Riverfront Extension, will form the spine that is essential for supporting an integrated regional transit system that connects people to opportunities and improves the quality of life for citizens throughout the Kansas City region.

Why extend the streetcar southward?

- This route will form the spine that supports an integrated regional transit system and is the next piece of the region's transit strategy, Smart Moves 3.0. The complete strategy is online at kcsmartmoves.org.
- This proposed extension connects two of the largest employment centers in the region (Central Business District & Plaza).
- The funding district (TDD) and structure were both approved by the voters (70% in favor) and the supportive governing board has been elected .
- Existing business associations and institutions along the route are strongly supportive and ready for implementation. New development is already happening in anticipation of an extension.



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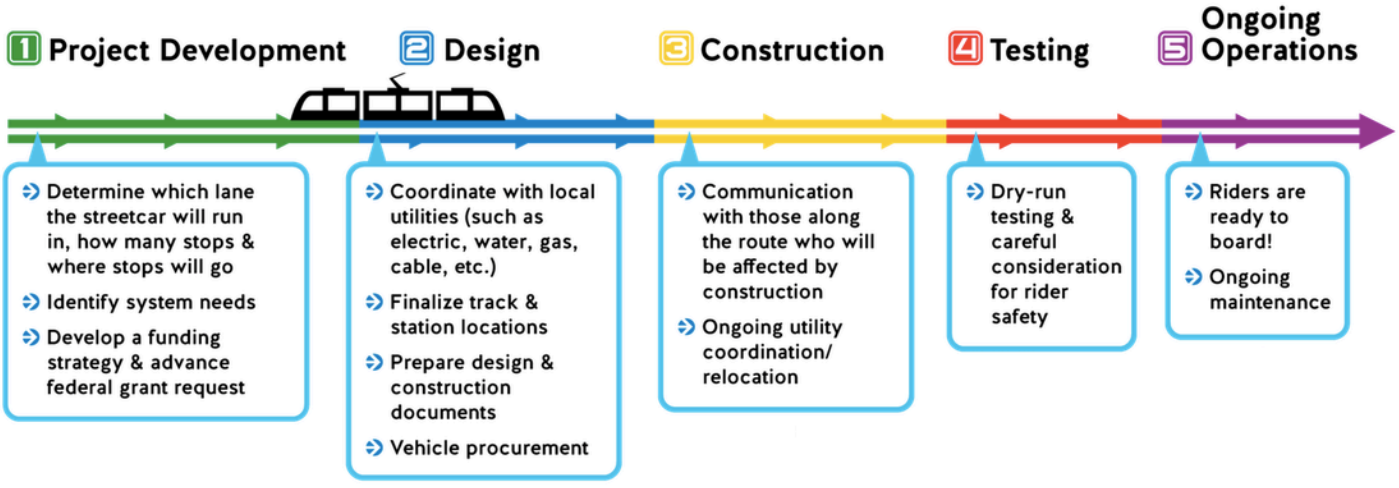
Project status

- The Main Street Extension will be a 3.6 mile route with 16 streetcar stops
- December 2017: Project team was approved into Project Development by FTA
- Summer 2018: Project team finalizes stop locations and Best Lane analysis
- September 2018: Submission of templates for New Starts Grant funding- Medium-High Rating
- Spring 2019: NEPA work completed
- August 2019: Resubmission of templates. Request to enter Enginnering Phase

How will the project be funded?

This Main Street Extension project planning is jointly funded by the KC Streetcar Authority (KCSA), the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA). The KCSA and KCATA are part of RideKC. The Main Street Extension design and construction will be funded jointly with local and federal funds. Ongoing operations and maintenance will be funded with local TDD revenue.

Estimated KC Streetcar Main Street Extension Project Capital Cost & Revenue	
Project Cost + Contingency	$329.9 million
Finance Charges	$21.8 million
Total Cost	**$351.7 million**
Revenues	
FTA Section 5309 New Starts Request	$174.1 million
Local Share (TDD)	$177.6 million

Next Steps

- Receive FTA project re-rating in response to New Starts Grant re-submission **(February 2020)**
- Await FTA approval into Engineering Phase **(February 2020)**
- Advance procurements for vehicles, final design, and CM-at Risk **(Currently underway)**
- Seek inclusion into FY2021 FTA Annual Report on Funding Recommendations & The Presidents Budget